GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Wheat Procurement Target
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any targets were fixed for the procurement of wheat during the current season;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the targeted and actual total procurement as well as the decline in procurement as compared to the previous Rabi season;
(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to meet any shortage and price rise of wheat in view of lower production and procurement; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) Yes, Madam. The targets/estimate for procurement of wheat were fixed by Government of India (GOI) in consultation with State Government before the commencement of Rabi Marketing Season (RMS).
(b) The estimated/targeted and actual procurement of wheat during previous Rabi marketing season and current Rabi marketing season is as under :
(Fig. in LMT)

RMS	Estimated Procurement	Actual Procurement
2015-16	300.00	280.88
2016-17	305.00	229.30

(c) & (d) The position of wheat stock in Central Pool, as on 01.07.2016 is as under:-
(Figs. in LMT)

Stocking Norms for 1st July	Stock in Central Pool as on 01.07.2016	Stock of food grains over and above Stocking norms
275.80	301.81	26.01

The average annual offtake of wheat has been 231.74 lakh MT during last three years (2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/ National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Other Welfare Scheme (OWS). Thus there is no shortage of wheat in the Central Pool.
In order to contain price rise of wheat Food Corporation of India (FCI) sales wheat under Open market Sales Scheme (OMSS) (Domestic). 8.81 LMT wheat was sold under OMSS(D) as on 22.07.2016
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